

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

2008 Legislative Session

Legislative Day # 13

BILL NO. 2008-19

Introduced by: Charles County Commissioners

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS

Date introduced: 09 / 17 / 08

Public Hearing: 10 / 28 / 08 @ 4:00 p.m.

Commissioners Action: 11 / 05 / 2008 Enact

Commissioner Votes: WC: Y, EP: Y, RC: Y, SNG: Y, GVH: Y

Pass/Fail: Pass

Effective Date: 12 / 20 / 2008

Remarks: _____

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. 2008-19
Chapter. No. 297
Introduced by County Commissioners
Date of Introduction 9/17/08

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS

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4 FOR the purpose of

5 Removing the requirement that campaign signs may not be displayed sooner than 45 days
6 prior to a primary election or, for unsuccessful candidates in the primary, later than 15 days
7 after a primary election, or, for successful candidates, later than 15 days after the general
8 election.

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10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments:

11 Chapter 297 – Zoning Regulations

12 Section 297-320A. “Signs requiring neither permit nor payment of fee.”

13 *Code of Charles County, Maryland*

14 (1994 Edition, 2007 Supplement)

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2 **SECTION 1.** BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
3 CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as
4 follows:
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7 **Chapter 297**

8 **Zoning Regulations**

9 **Section 297-320. Signs requiring neither permit nor payment of fee.**

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11 **A.** Political campaign signs, which shall be permitted in any zone. In residential zones, political
12 campaign signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in area and shall not be illuminated. Political
13 campaign signs shall be confined to private property and shall not be affixed to any public structure.
14 [These signs may be displayed no sooner than 45 days prior to a primary election, and unsuccessful
15 candidates in the primary must remove their signs within 15 days after the primary election.
16 Successful candidates in the primary may continue to display their signs until 15 days after the
17 general election. The campaign treasurer of each candidate shall be held responsible for the proper
18 erection, maintenance and removal of such signs. Signs not properly removed within 15 days after
19 the general election may be removed by the county at the campaign's expense.]
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SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect [FORTY-FIVE (45)] calendar days after it becomes law.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Wayne Cooper, President

Edith J. Patterson, Vice President

Reuben B. Collins, II

Samuel N. Graves, Jr.

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ATTEST:

Denise Ferguson, Clerk